

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Julian called the regular meeting of the Kasson Township Board to order at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Greg Julian – Supervisor, Dana Boomer - Clerk, Julia Carter – Treasurer, Roger Noonan – Trustee, Tad Carter - Trustee
Member(s) Absent: None
Staff Present: Tim Cypher, Tom Grier

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – The board briefly discussed the agenda. It was decided to move the mining/gravel legislation to after pertinent communications. **Noonan moved to approve the agenda as amended. T. Carter seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Fred Noonan – He is having problems with the flies and garbage coming from the composting at Barry Krull’s property, and it is very bad. There is a driveway that has been put in that Noonan says is illegal, and a building that is not supposed to be being built. The Road Commission has been working on the driveway issue, and is likely to shortly turn it over to the Sheriff’s Department.

MINUTES – The board discussed the minutes from the regular meeting on August 10, 2021. T. Carter stated that a statement attributed to him in the board comment section was incorrect – this was amended in the 8.10.2021 minutes. **Noonan moved, J. Carter seconded to approve the August 10, 2021 regular meeting minutes as amended. All in favor, motion carried.**

PERTINENT COMMUNICATIONS: Julian reported that Stella Otto has determined that she will not be requesting reappointment to her Planning Commission seat.

MINING/GRAVEL LEGISLATION – A letter has been received from Mr. Grier, the township attorney, regarding an update on the gravel mining. If this is to be discussed, it should be done in closed session.

Boomer moved, Noonan seconded that the Board meet in closed session under the Open Meetings Act to discuss a written legal memorandum. Roll call vote: Noonan (yes), T. Carter (no), J. Carter (yes), Boomer (yes), Julian (yes). Motion passed.

The board entered closed session with Mr. Grier and Mr. Cypher at 7:11 pm.

The board re-entered open session at 8:22 pm. J. Carter and Tom Grier departed the meeting at this time.

PRESENTATION: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

a) **TREASURER’S REPORT:** J. Carter submitted the treasurer’s report to the board. Receipts total \$196,617.12. Disbursements \$158,088.43. Balance \$380,168.38.

- b) **BUDGET REPORT:** Boomer presented the budget report through August 2021. The board briefly discussed.
- c) **BILL APPROVAL** – Boomer presented the updated check detail. The board briefly discussed. **T. Carter moved to pay the bills as presented; seconded by Noonan. All in favor, motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Cemeteries** – Boomer had previously distributed a notice via email to the board that the surveying had been completed at the East Kasson Cemetery, and recommended that the board members visit the cemetery to see the location of the property lines. The south property line is currently inside the neighboring horse pasture. The current owner of the property’s father was the one who originally utilized the cemetery fence line as the horse pasture fence, which has resulted in damage to the cemetery fence. Julian stated that the current owner is experiencing some financial hardship and may take a while to get a new fence put up. Noonan stated that if the current owner is willing to acquire the fence materials for the horse fence, he will put together a work crew to install it. After the horse fencing is installed, the board will discuss vegetation cleanup and cemetery fence repair.

Don Drabik has acquired the new cemetery signs and delivered them to Bob Underwood for installation. Drabik and the board briefly discussed installation of the signs.

Julian received a quote from David Webster Construction for stump removal and erosion mediation at the Kasson Cemetery, in the amount of \$4,800. That amount is not in the current budget. The board asked Julian to ask if the quote would still be good next fiscal year.

- b. **Federal American Rescue Plan Act** – Boomer is working on minor changes needed to the ARPA filing. Additional news should be available next month.
- c. **Mining/Gravel Legislation** – Previously discussed.
- d. **Other Unfinished Business** - None

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **CAFR Budget 2022/2024** – The draft budget for 2022/23 and 2023/24 for Cedar Area Fire & Rescue was presented to the board. The board briefly discussed the budget. Noonan stated that he supports the budget and necessary millage to approve it, especially given how economical it is compared to the fire millage currently being paid by Empire Township land owners. **Noonan moved, T. Carter seconded to approve the Cedar Area Fire & Rescue budget for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 fiscal years. All in favor, motion carried.**

Noonan moved, T. Carter seconded to allow a 15% increase between the 2022/2023 budget and the 2023/2024 budget for Cedar Area Fire & Rescue. The board approves this increase of 10% above the amount allowed by the Interlocal Agreement for the second year of a two-year budget cycle. This approval applies only to the 2022/2024 budget cycle, and does not affect

any future budget cycles. Roll call vote: T. Carter (yes), Noonan (yes), Boomer (yes), Julian (yes).

b. Other New Business - None

CAPITAL PROJECTS – EXPLORATION

- a. **Maple City Sidewalks** – No changes. The board briefly discussed; contact with the Road Commission has been minimal this summer. Julian has been having a very hard time getting a response from the Road Commission; Noonan suggested calling Garth Greenan from the Road Commission board.
- b. **Broadband** – No update.
- c. **Township Hall Renovation** – Julian is still waiting on quotes for alternate exit proposals for the hall.
- d. **Fire Department Water Points** – Boomer is continuing to work on this project and get additional quotes and information.
- e. **Fire Department New Station** – Julian and Boomer are continuing to work on issues related to this. Julian sent out information related to Gourdie Fraser on their work on the new station in Peninsula Township. He has also been working on getting information regarding the new stations in Green Lake and Long Lake Townships. Boomer is continuing to work on a map of desired locations for the new station, in concert with discussions with Chief Doornbos.

REPORTS: Planning Commission (PC) – T. Carter reported that the August meeting was held. Two gravel pit SUPs were renewed. The Master Plan review is still moving forward. There has been continued discussion on Lively Holdings, with the main focus on sound issues. With Stella Otto resigning, the board will need to appoint a new member in November. Boomer will reach out to the people who previously expressed an interest in a PC position, and T. Carter will ask current PC members to reach out to anyone new who may be interested.

Zoning Administrator (ZA) – Cypher had submitted written reports to the board, and provided a summary of his activities for the month. The board briefly discussed. Cypher reported that Lively Holdings have rescinded their SUP application for Phase 2 of their project. He is working on a response to that email, on which the board will be copied. Cypher will also be working on the reported violations of Krull Composting, including contacting MDARD and continuing to work with the Road Commission and the county permitting department. Cypher received a communication from another neighbor regarding the issues as well. Cypher has been working with Habitat for Humanity on the duplex build in Maple City, including erosion remediation after recent heavy rains. Noonan is concerned about erosion and planting of the new Elmers berms along CR-669.

Supervisor – Julian summarized his activities for the month. He is working with Cleveland Supervisor Tim Stein regarding some wording in the fire department Interlocal Agreement.

Assessor – Nothing to report – assessment business is being conducted as normal. The board briefly discussed membership for the board of review; Boomer reported that at least 2/3 of the members shall be property taxpayers of the township.

Fire Board – The Fire Board continues to work on the union contract and the movement to ALS status under the Bennett Bill.

Clerk/Elections Report – There will be no November election for the township.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Hall Use and Buildings and Grounds Reports –There is nothing scheduled. Boomer received a phone call from a community group that does community singing nights. The board had consensus that community events that are open to the public without charging the public may use the hall without charge. Boomer will route the group to Noonan for scheduling. Noonan checked the flag pole north of Maple City; it's broken. The board had consensus to request Bob Underwood to replace it.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Melinda & Dennis Flees on Burdickville Road – They are concerned about trash blowing into their yard from the Krull property, as well as the smell, flies, and seagulls generated by the operation.

Don Drabik – regarding the Lively property and the music. He could hear the music from their LivelyLands festival from his house. Regarding Elmers berms and tree plantings, they do a lousy job. Something needs to be done to improve the visual quality of the berming and plantings done by Elmers.

BOARD COMMENT: T. Carter brought up an issue with Hatlem Creek, in Empire Township. The board briefly discussed. Boomer stated the LivelyLands concert was quite loud; once a year is not bad, but unlimited events would make the area unlivable.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7 pm.

Motion by Noonan to adjourn, second by T. Carter / **All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Submitted by:
Dana Boomer, Township Clerk